

# CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Rule 53(b) Continuation or Divisional)

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This requests a ☒ Continuation or ☐ Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of prior application:

Appl. No.:	09/985,537	Group/Art Unit:	2881
Filed on:	November 5, 2001	Examiner:	Christopher M. Kalivoda
Entitled:	Method and Apparatus for Specimen-Fabrication		

- ☒ 1. The entire disclosure of the pending, prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.
- ☐ 2. Submitted herewith is a copy of the complete prior application as filed.
- ☐ 3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application, 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1). **DELETE** the following inventor(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ 4. Submitted herewith is a copy of the signed Oath/Declaration from the prior application.
- ☐ 5. Small entity status was established in the prior application, and is still proper and desired.
- ☐ 6. A \_\_\_ month Petition for Extension of Time is filed concurrently in the prior application.
- ☒ 7. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1480.
- ☒ 8. A check in the amount of \$810.00 for filing fee is submitted herewith.
- ☒ 9. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: -- This application is a Continuation of nonprovisional application serial number 09/985,537 filed November 5, 2001.
- ☐ 10. Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☒ 11. The prior application is assigned of record to: Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ 12. Priority is claimed based on U.S. Application No. 09/985,537 filed on November 5, 2001, which claims priority of Japanese applications 2000-342372 and 2001-204768 filed November 6, 2000 and July 5, 2001, respectively.
- ☒ 13. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☒ 14. Other: Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449

THE FILING FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:				Basic Fee:	\$770.00
Total Claims:	9	- 20 =	0	X \$18 =	0.00
Independent Claims:	3	- 3 =	0	X \$86 =	0.00
Correspondence Address: <b>REED SMITH LLP</b> 3110 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 1400 Falls Church, VA 22042				Multiple Dependent Claim (add \$290.00):	0
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